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### **To: People Interested in the Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has started construction on the Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project. This letter provides an update on construction activities and includes project contact information.

#### **Background**

BPA is constructing a new nine-mile transmission line parallel to an existing BPA transmission line in central King County, Wash. Five miles of the line crosses the Cedar River Municipal Watershed (CRMW), which is the source for much of the City of Seattle's drinking water. The new line will accommodate electrical growth and ensure electrical reliability in the Puget Sound area. BPA and the City of Seattle reached agreement on constructing this line through the CRMW in July and have been working with a third party environmental consultant to closely monitor construction activities to ensure CRMW protection.

#### **Construction Activities**

Construction started in July and is scheduled to be complete by late December 2003. Construction activities will increase noise short-term along the right-of-way. Over the next three weeks, starting as early as Nov. 8, BPA construction crews periodically along the transmission line corridor will be using an implosive wire fitting to connect the lengths of wire to one another. This type of fitting is preferred because it produces a far superior connection than other methods. The process involves a number of loud explosions (or implosions) and a small amount of smoke. Please do not be alarmed if you hear these explosions for several days within the construction zone.

If you have farm animals that may be disturbed by the noise, and will need to be moved please call the contractor's land liaison (listed on the contact page) and he will make every effort to coordinate the scheduling of work in your area with you.

BPA's construction goals for this project are to minimize disturbance to the natural environment during construction, have no impact to drinking water quality, enhance overall fish and wildlife habitat, and improve electrical reliability in the Puget Sound region.

**For More Information**

BPA, Duke Energy Corporation, EDS, and Henkels & McCoy (H&M) staff are available to answer questions and provide you with project information. If you have questions or want more information about construction activities, please call Ken Quaschnick 509-727-0051, EDS Land Liaison. For property questions, call BPA Realty Specialist Paul Woolson at (253)-638-7305.

If you want more information about the project, please call us toll free at 1-888-276-7790 or visit our website at: [www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission\\_Projects/](http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/). We look forward to hearing from you throughout the project. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Lou Driessen 11/06/03*

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